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SHANGHAI STUDENT ROUND-UP

Attempt To Stamp Out Uprisings In City Call For Strike In Nanking

Nanking, May 25.
After lengthy discussions at a mass meeting held here, the students decided last night to call a one-week strike beginning today, which will have, as one of its main objectives, a protest against the arrest of students in Shanghai. This move represents the "next step" which the student federation announced it would take if the Government failed to comply with its ultimatum.

During the period of the strike, student delegates will make a special "anti-civil war" appeal to the Peoples Political Council.

In Shanghai police yesterday swept down on university students engaged in a large-scale demonstration publicly campaign today and arrested 85 in an attempt to stamp out student uprisings.

Police said the arrest of the student agitators was continuing.

The students, who are from the National, Peking and Tungchi Universities were handed over to the Shanghai Woosung Garrison.

They will be dealt with under martial law, a spokesman said. The police staged the round-up in the face of an ultimatum to Mayor K. C. Wu that unless he released students previously arrested, a huge demonstration would be held.

Labour Strike Rumours

Chinese papers reported rumours of a general student and labour strike on June 2 in connection with a threatened nationwide anti-civil war student demonstration.

The press also reported a growing movement among students to end the week-long strike.

They said many of the students were preparing to return to their classes. None of the schools has been reopened, however.

Students who had been arrested last week have been arranged before the garrison command. They face formal prosecution, a garrison spokesman said. (Reuter and Associated Press.)

121 Arrests

Shanghai, May 26.
The Garrison Headquarters and the city police rounded up 27 more students yesterday in continued drastic action to prevent student agitation to organize a nationwide general strike against the civil war on June 2.

The arrests brought the total of students seized to 121, some of whom were released on bail and handed over to their parents.

Eighty-two students were arrested in the downtown area for pasting up "subversive posters" demanding students, merchants and labourers to strike on June 2. Fifteen were arrested on the National Chiooting University campus following a clash among 500 striking and anti-strike students. Three were injured during the fight in which, according to the police, one shot was fired. (United Press.)

Professors' Warning

Tientsin, May 25.
A group of professors of the Yenching University, one of China's leading centres under the presidency of Ambassador Leighton Stuart, today issued an anti-civil war proclamation warning that the Chinese situation at present is "no less serious than that prevailing on the eve of the French and (Russian) October Revolution."

The manifesto, which was circulated to other universities in order to collect the signatures of professors through North China, said immediate peace and a coalition government is the "only way" to save China from exhaustion and collapse.

The manifesto exhorted the Government and Communists to end fighting immediately. It expressed the hope that "compatriots throughout the country will arise as one man and plan to jointly grasp salvation with both hands."

Meanwhile, students of the Nankai University in Tientsin, sent a message to the United

States Senate and House through the United States Consulate appealing to withhold loans of any nature which will enable the Nanking Government to finance the civil war. Requesting Congress not to "invest" in China's war, it said that loans at present are merely "gasoline poured over the fire." (United Press.)

Mayor Climbs Down

Mayor K. C. Wu of Shanghai announced that the students arrested during the week-end from the National Chiooting University would be released. This prevented another student demonstration.

More than 1,500 students lined up on the University campus ready to march off to the Municipal Building when armed police gendarmes threw a cordon around the campus and blocked the gates with riot vans and trucks. The Mayor arrived and after a conference with students and teachers ordered the police to withdraw and release the 82 students arrested.

The students charged that 100 plainclothes men broke up a student meeting, arrested 14, who failed to escape, and injured several in the fracas. The plainclothes men smashed the meeting room with axes. The Mayor promised that the men and "spies" would be punished. (Associated Press.)

U.S. Missionaries' Ordeal

Tientsin, May 26.
The Communists during their occupation of Changli, East Hopei town on the Peiping-Mukden railway, removed three elderly American missionary women and about 400 Chinese students and mission workers for a two-day indoctrination captivity in the mountains, burned one mission building, and subjected others to systematic plunder.

Out of the welter of conflicting reports and conjectures this eye-witness story of Changli's ordeal was brought to Peiping today by mission workers. Four days after the United States Consulate in Tientsin had requested the Nationalists to ascertain the safety of the nine American missionaries in Changli.

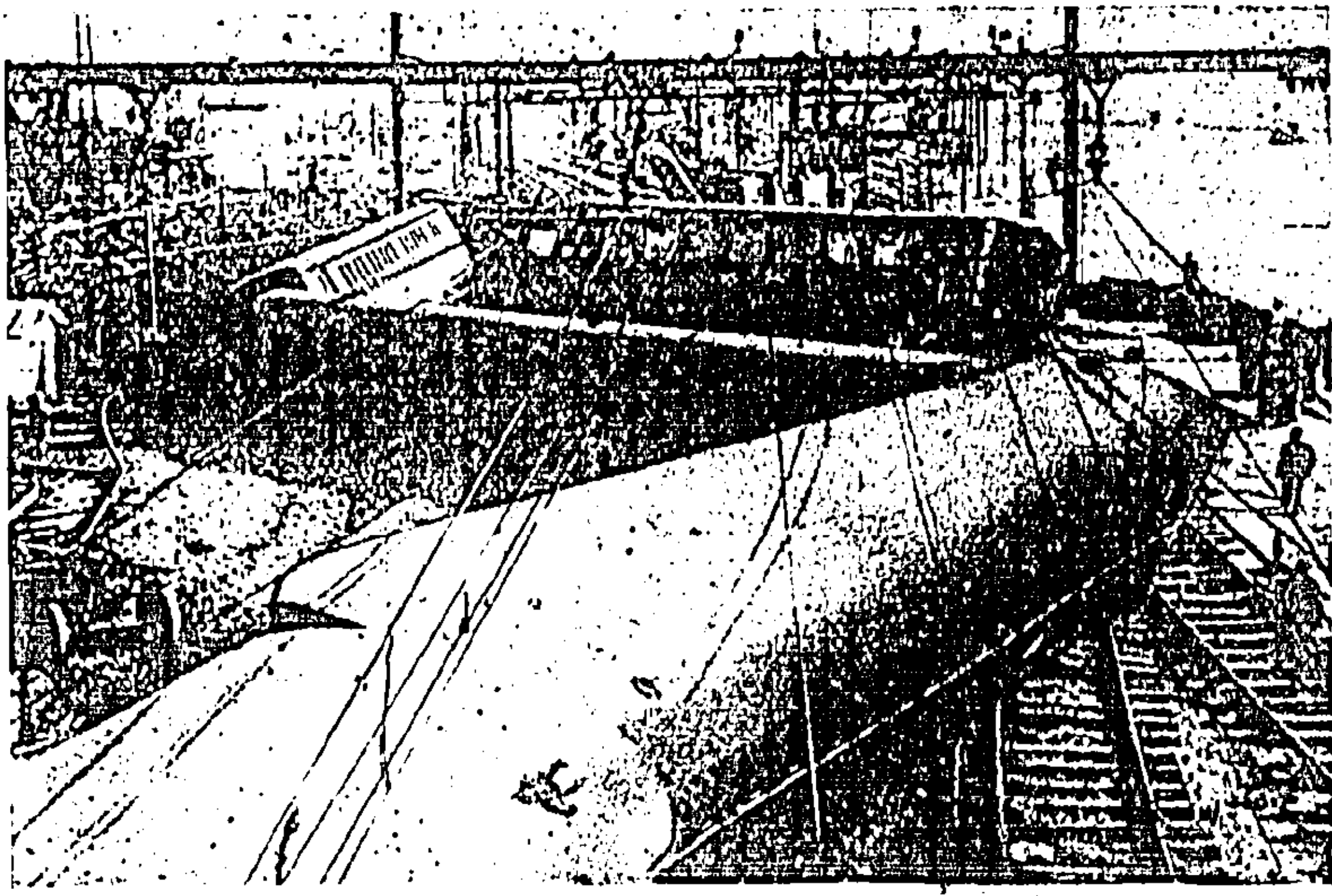
The first eye-witness account was brought to Tientsin by the Rev. Edward Dixon, of Wallingford, Pennsylvania, who trudged many miles to reach a railway undestroyed by the Communists.

Piecing the story together from eye-witness reports, American Methodist officials in Peiping told United Press the Communists returned the captives after having been persuaded that their detention would cause unfavourable world reaction.

The Americans involved were Pansy Griffin, of Degolia, Penn.; Lora Battin, of Bloomfield, Iowa; and Dr. Clara Nutting, of Georgetown, Mass. All over 50 with a decade's mission work in China.

Before leaving Changli in the face of a Nationalist counter-attack, the Communists subjected the city to widespread destruction and looting. The eye-witnesses said, The Reds stripped the mission hospital so thoroughly that doctors are at present using chopsticks rather than forceps to change dressings. After the Reds had taken all they wanted, they invited the rabble to loot.

The eye-witnesses said during the journey to mountain vil-



Catchers of the Paris-Lyon express (after the right-of-way near Orleans after the locomotive jumped the tracks on May 15). (Associated Press Photo.)

General Has Smack At Soviet

New York, May 25.
General Mark Clark, en route to San Francisco to take up command of the US Sixth Army after serving as commander of US forces in Austria, charged today that the Russians in Austria are confiscating Austrian oil wells, cattle, food and even United States UNRRA supplies in direct violation of the Potsdam agreement.

In a speech prepared for delivery on a nationwide radio network, Clark said "The Soviet High Commission in Austria is not cooperating with the British, French and Americans in accord with the presumably solemn pledges all of us made to the world for its future peace and prosperity."

"As a soldier, kid gloves are not my style. Neither are soft words," Clark denounced the Russians in the most bitter terms ever uttered by a four star general in uniform.

Potsdam Pledges

Reviewing the Potsdam pledges that the armies were to provide their own foodstuffs, establish Governments of the people's own choosing and other actions to set the defeated countries on their feet, Clark said "Despite my frequent personal protests to their High Commissioner Marshal Konev in the past two years the Soviet occupation forces, contrary to their pledges, have supported themselves on Austrian farm products and livestock—and even exported surplus over their own needs."

"This even applied to American UNRRA supplies which were distributed equally to all parts of the country. As a result the Austrian people are living on a starvation diet."

"Industrial properties taken over by the Germans during the war, which according to the Potsdam agreement were to be returned to their original non-German owners, also have been seized illegally by the Soviets. These include oil wells originally owned and developed by American interests."

"The Russians not only have taken over Austrian industries and foodstuffs, but also the very lifeline of the nation—the Danube River. Because it lies in Russian-supervised territory, the river itself and all its shipping facilities have been claimed for the Soviet Union."

"The Reds entered the mission compound on May 18, threatening the missionaries against making a move. They were preparing to tie up Mr. E. J. Winan, of Los Angeles, and burn down the buildings when the order was countermanded by the Communist commander." (United Press.)

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R.A.F. OFFICERS' DEATH

Kure, May 26.
The British Commonwealth Occupation Forces headquarters announced that two R.A.F. officers died in a fire which gutted the British Commonwealth air group station officers' mess at 1.30 this morning. The names of the two officers were withheld pending notification of next of kin. (United Press.)

Greek-Albanian Gun Duel

Athens, May 25.

A gun duel between an Albanian ship and the Greek island of Corfu on the Albanian coast was reported today in a telegram from Corfu to the Greek Ministry of Public Order.

The telegram said that on May 22, an Albanian ship approached Corfu and, after an exchange of fire with shore detachments, withdrew towards the Albanian coast.

An Albanian report that two Greek planes had attacked the Albanian town of Koritza, nine miles west of the Greek border, was denied today by M. P. Kanelopoulos, the Greek Air Minister.

Another report that Greek planes flew over Albanian territory was also categorically denied by the Greek Department of Information.

On May 21, the Department said, Greek planes attacked 500 guerrillas within Greek territory but only a short distance from the Albanian frontier.

These guerrillas had retired into Albanian territory, probably taking with them their killed and wounded. (Reuter.)

SOLDIERS ON RAPE CHARGE

Singapore, May 25.
Two British soldiers, accused of the rape of a 15-year-old Chinese girl in the War Crimes officers' quarters here, were remanded in custody for a week at a Singapore Police Court yesterday. One of the accused men, Private G. McCulloch, denied that he was in the quarters at the time and said that he could call witnesses to prove this. (Reuter.)

Britain's Message To Germans

Essen, May 25.
In a message of "candid friendship" to the Germans, Lord Pakenham, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister Responsible for the British Zone of Germany, told a press conference here today of "a new era" that was opening in the history of the British and American zones of Germany.

Britain's hand of friendship was "stretched more than half way" especially towards the younger generation of Germans.

"Even your best friends, however, beg you to realize that the war was a crime, the memory of which we are looking to the Germany of today to wipe out," he said.

"I ask you to believe that the moment of Germany's spiritual opportunity has come."

"Germany's weakness is her spiritual opportunity. Never believe that the whole world is against you. The German people have great qualities of endurance. But in the past this quality and others has been often turned towards evil ends."

"I believe that if the goal is provided the same qualities of endurance, patience and hard work will be used towards that goal."

Great Hope
"I felt that a great and clear hope lies before Germany in the next few months, and everything that Britain can do to help will be done."

Lord Pakenham deplored the isolation by the rest of Europe during the last two years and appealed for closer relationship between the young people of Germany and Great Britain.

"Everything possible that can be done to arrange visits between the two countries will be done," he said. "It is a heavy responsibility on all the Allies to help break down the isolation of Germany."

Statement Today
A statement of the "greatest importance" for the future of Western Germany was to be issued next Tuesday. He declined to specify to what it would refer, but said it would be more important than any issued recently.

CALL FOR NEW RELATIONSHIP

Margate, May 26.
Mr. Philip Noel-Baker, Labour Party Chairman, called upon the Government to take the lead in trying to establish a "new relation of equality, confidence and trust" among the "peoples of the world."

In a speech at the opening of the Party's annual conference, Mr. Noel-Baker, who also holds the post of Air Minister in the Labour Government, declared that the Government's troublesome domestic problems were "a small issue compared with the major issue that confronts the world: the major task of building peace on a sure foundation."

He urged the Government to seek development of a "new worldwide, international system of economic co-operation, far more developed, far more ambitious than anything we have known before."

But first, he said, "we must establish a new relation of equality, confidence and trust between the western, the European and the American peoples and the other peoples of the world."

"No one who has seen the new assembly of the United Nations and the debates on every question that even remotely brings up a race can doubt that this is perhaps the gravest single problem of the century in which we live."

Declaring that the UNO must be made "the overriding factor in international affairs," he voiced confidence that the world peace organization can accomplish its tasks if given the time. "Anyone who thinks that UNO has already failed declares his ignorance," he concluded. (Associated Press.)

The Soviet

He conceded, however, that "we still have to convince our Soviet allies that the true interests of Britain do not conflict with theirs. We have still to satisfy them that nations with differing social systems can all live by the UNO Charter and by the Charter work together in harmony and peace."

"If we could end the fear of war," he declared, "there is almost no enterprise that would be beyond our power."

"We could multiply by five or 10 the irrigated areas of the Middle East, we could let the sea into the Sahara and change the climate of half a continent. We could bring water to the Kalahari and make new land for white men and for the (Continued on Page 9)

Dean Joins In The Fray

London, May 25.

The Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dr. W. R. Matthews, today expressed "astonishment" that the Government planned to go ahead with the erection of a power station on the south bank of the river Thames which might obscure the view of the great edifice.

The Dean, delivering his sermon, said that despite the weight of public opinion from the public, local authorities and experts, who were "unanimously" against the scheme, it was still more astonishing that the arguments put forward by the Government never touched the real point of issue. That was not the fact that the views of St. Paul's from the other side of the Thames might be obscured. "Though that is sad enough."

"For far more important is that the erection of a power station strikes a blow at the London County Council plan for the south bank of the river, and we are led to fear that the great sweep of the river, its majestic turn on what should be the most beautiful of all city waterways in the world, will not be given up again to pleasure and sporadic development," the Dean said. (Reuter.)

The Weather

A weak anticyclone is moving slowly eastward across the Eastern Sea. Pressure is falling over Central and SW China. The depression is moving ENE into the Pacific to the E of Tokyo. Gradual clearing over the China Sea and the Philippines. Today's Forecast: Moderate SE or S winds, cloudy, shower, probably improving during the day.

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COMMUNISTS IN JAPAN

Today's Events

May 27—China Coast N. & E. Officers Guild meeting, Union Bldg., 4 p.m.
May 27—Toc H Meeting, 50 Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m. Rev. Alvor Davies RN in "The Hometical Church."

Coming Events

May 28—H.K. Realty & Trust Co annual meeting, noon.
May 29—H.K. Tramways Ltd annual meeting, Jardine's office, noon.
May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.
May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.
June 6—A.S. Watson & Co. Ltd. annual meeting, HK Hotel, 11.30 a.m.
June 7—Seventh Extra Race Meeting.
June 8—H.K. & Whampoa Dock's extraordinary meeting, noon.
June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd. annual general meeting, noon.

Story Of Money In A Suitcase

At about 6.20 p.m. on Saturday, Mr. Wing, 57, went to the C.I.D. Office, at Yau Ma Tei, and reported that he had been scolded out of \$5,000 by four men at 5 Jordan Road, second floor.
The story he told DSI Morrison, and which was re-told to Mr. Blair-Kerr by the Police yesterday, was that the money was to be invested in a certain business in Macao. He was induced to put the money in a common pool to further the Macao business, he said. No sooner had he put the money down than the whole lot was scooped up into a suitcase and taken away by one of the men.
The other men prevented Mr. Wing from going after him.
Under close questioning by the Detective-Inspector, Mr. Wing broke down and confessed that he lost the money by a gambling school formed by him and the other four men.
As Mr. Wing did not appear in Court to answer the charge of giving false information to DSI Morrison, his bail of \$200 was ordered estraited.

Export Case

Lam Hing-chuen and Hung Kam-sang were each fined \$100 by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday for attempting for export unmanifested cargoes for Army in the ss. "Transocean" on Sunday.
Mr. Humphreys, of the Revenue Department, said Lam's goods consisted of 33 cases of oranges and two cases of lemons, to a total value of \$1,500, while Hung's comprised a quantity of tinned fruit worth \$580.
For failing to appear on a charge of attempting to export \$300 worth of glass wares in the mv. "Kwai Tak", Yuan Chun had his \$50 bail estraited.

Influence In The Labour Unions

Tokyo, May 26.
General Douglas MacArthur reported today that the full strength of Communist influence within the Japanese labour movement "is difficult to determine" since it is the Communist strategy to "consistently and purposely exaggerate their strength."

Gen. MacArthur, in reporting on the results of the Allied occupation, said:

"The fact that many Communist influenced organisations are also members of the National Congress of Industrial Unions and that the NCIU's policy generally paralleled the Communist Party line, is taken by many Japanese as indication that the Communists control that organisation."

The NCIU, ostensibly patterned after the American CIO, is with the rival National Federation of Labour Unions, considered the largest post-war labour group in Japan with a membership in the neighbourhood of 4,000,000. According to the Japanese Welfare Ministry the strength of organised labour in Japan at present is near 5,000,000.

Farmers' Unions

Another significant labour development is considered to be the growth of agricultural unions, and Gen. MacArthur reported that much the same relationship with the Communists exists in the organisation and control of these unions—particularly in Hokkaido and Kyushu.

Gen. MacArthur reported: "The Farmers' Union, said at the time of its foundation during February, 1946, to include 20,000 members, expanded into an organisation officially claiming 1,200,000 supporters. Of the original 20,000 members, only about 1,000 were said to be Communists but because of close discipline and centralised direction they exercised an influence far greater than their numerical strength warranted."

Gen. MacArthur's report, covering political developments in Japan up to March and published today, said the Communists failed in their efforts to split the Social Democratic Party. This party polled the largest strength in the recent national elections for the Diet and its Chairman, Tetsu Katayama, has now been elected Japan's new premier.

Red Strategy

"Much of the Communist strategy consisted of striving to split the Social Democratic Party by encouraging a radical Left wing group in opposition to the conservative controlling faction. When this failed to achieve results the Communists attacked certain Social Democrats, among them Kanon Arakata and Kanji Kato, who had been previously considered fellow-travellers."

Discussing general events, the report said critical economic issues assumed a dominant role in Japanese politics after Gen. MacArthur's call for a general election and speed-up

Wave Of Fires In BCOF Area

Tokyo, May 25.
Two British Commonwealth officers were killed in a big fire which razed the officers' mess of the British Commonwealth Air Group at Iwakuni, southern Japan, early today.

Scores of other officers in pyjamas and dressing gowns escaped by sliding down ropes and jumping from windows. The blaze spread across the road and set a hangar alight but troops assisted by Japanese firemen fought the flames, which were brought under control before they had spread to the main administrative buildings.

No aircraft were damaged. Today's fire is the most serious in a wave of some 20 which have swept the BCOF area in recent months. The authorities are seriously concerned by the situation which is believed to be due to faulty building construction and exposed electrical wiring rather than to sabotage as rumoured earlier.—Reuter.

MRS. TRUMAN WEAKER

Grandview, Mo., May 25.
President Truman, who spent today at the bedside of his 94-year-old mother who is seriously ill from the effects of a broken hip, told reporters: "She sat up with me many times when I needed her. I want to reciprocate when she needs me."

Mrs. Truman's condition today showed no perceptible change. She was stated to be growing weaker.—Reuter.

Communists Engulf All Manchuria

Peiping, May 25.
Foreign observers arriving from Changchun told the United Press today that the Communist offensive shows signs of engulfing the whole of Manchuria except the main cities unless reinforcements are rushed from China proper or Soviet diplomacy steps in.

These observers, who left Changchun before the Communists cut the railway, said the whole Manchurian situation is extremely serious since the Nationalist forces of 250,000 appears insufficient to keep open the railway corridors between principalities.

Nationalists are depending on reinforcements, and destruction of the Piping-Mukden railways leaves only the water route open, with the Government giving priority to the Shantung campaign. In addition the Reds' numerical strength is much greater than the Government's and may gradually squeeze the Government forces from all cities north of Mukden.

War Of Attrition

The Communists appear to be still sticking to a war of attrition, aiming to isolate rather than attack frontally major cities and force out the garrisons through hunger. These observers said when the time is ripe the Soviet may move to end the Manchurian chaos which is preventing development of Russian trade interests.

Plan For Indo-China

Saigon, May 25.

An interim plan of associating "non-party men" with the administration of the northern Viet Nam provinces of Tonkin and Annam—pending a long-term settlement with the "leaders of all political parties"—is engaging the attention of the French High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert.

Although M. Bollaert has now studied the whole political situation and completed contacts with nearly all representative leaders in Indo-China, he is "prepared to wait until the men and the groups who are against Dr. Ho Chi Minh's violent and totalitarian methods have had time to come together."

While diplomatic circles were of the opinion that the "High Commissioner's hesitation with Dr. Ho Chi Minh is understandable in view of the recent dissociation of the Communists from the French Government and also because most of the French officials and business interests do not favour peace with the revolutionaries," the spokesman of the Viet Nam resistance movement in Cochinchina declared: "We know M. Bollaert's position does not affect our political aims but he is mistaken if he believes our anxiety for peace is a sign of our weakness."

THE WINDSORS BACK IN ENGLAND



The Duke and Duchess of Windsor returned to England for a short visit in the "Queen Elizabeth" on May 16. Here the Duke is seen chatting with newspapermen at Southampton, while the Duchess is wearing a hat so far back on her head that it is held in place by a silk scarf worn in turban fashion. (Associated Press Photo).

SALVAGE WORK IN HARBOUR

An important piece of salvage work was completed in harbour over the weekend, with the removal of the final section of a sunken Japanese vessel lying under the giant crane at Kowloon Docks.

Its removal enables Kowloon Docks to bring the crane into operation for the first time since the war.

Reply To Income Tax Protest

The "China Mail" has been informed by Mr. Robert Der, who was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the now defunct Hong Kong and Kowloon Chinese Anti Direct Tax Introduction Commission, that the following letter, addressed to the Commission, dated May 23, has been received by him from the Colonial Secretary:

"I am directed to inform you that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has sent this Government a copy of the telegram of Apr. 23, in which you address him on the subject of the Inland Revenue Bill. I am to inform you that the terms of the Secretary of State's decision on the request contained in your telegram will be communicated to you in due course when he has an opportunity to consider the matter fully."

The following is a copy of the Commission's telegram of April 23:

"After delivering second petition signed by 88 Chinese organizations and associations to Secretary for Chinese Affairs protesting against imposition of Direct Income Tax in Hong Kong local Government still intend to pass Bill against wishes of people."

"Chinese opinion is in favour of the payment of tax, but object to the form in which it is proposed to be levied on ground that same is against local Chinese custom and usage. Therefore pray Home Government to withdraw proposed Bill."

A well-dressed Shanghai-Chinese, Wong Tai-shun, 30, was remanded for 24 hours by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday for enabling the police to make further enquiries on a charge that he gave 10-cent notes from Mrs. Gotfried at the Race on Saturday afternoon. Wong pleaded not guilty.

"Awa Maru" Sinking: Mineral Drive In Russia

Tokyo, May 26.
The Japanese Government has requested as reparations from the United States Government an 11,000-ton passenger ship and approximately \$45,000,000 in settlement of the "Awa Maru" incident, in which an American submarine torpedoed and sank the Japanese Red Cross ship shortly before the war ended.

The Japanese Government is asking the United States to replace the 11,249-gross-ton vessel with a ship of similar tonnage and speed. Claims of more than 100,000,000-yen compensation for the families of the 2,003 passengers and crew members have been requested with payment in American dollars at the cross rate between the Japanese yen, Swiss franc and American dollar at the time of the sinking.

The "Awa Maru" was a former N.Y.K. passenger liner which was sent to Hong Kong, Saigon, Singapore and Sourabaya with Red Cross supplies for Allied war prisoners at the request of the American Government, who guaranteed safety of the ship. The Japanese military, who desperately needed shipping at that stage of the war, opposed the idea strongly but finally released the "Awa Maru" with great reluctance at the insistence of the Japanese Foreign Office.

"One Survivor"
The "Awa Maru" sailed from Moji on Feb. 17, 1945. Many high Japanese officials took advantage of the trip to visit the so-called southern areas, including ex-Finance Minister Dr. Gotaro Ogawa; Shimppei Takeuchi, who was then Vice-Minister of the Greater East Asia Ministry; and Yoshitaro Yamada, Chief of the Foreign Office Research Bureau. On the return voyage, which began from Sourabaya on March 7, many Japanese colonial officials and businessmen clamoured to get aboard for a trip home.

Shortly after midnight on April 1, while between Indo-China and Formosa, south of Taiwan Strait, the "Awa Maru" was torpedoed by an American submarine and sank within a few minutes. Only one survivor was picked up by the submarine out of the total 2,003 passengers and crew.

Japanese official protests through neutral countries were acknowledged by the United States, which has since explained the sinking was an error and agreed to pay compensation. "Independent of the political situation existing."

On August 10, 1946, Japan sent in her first request for the

Washington, May 25.
The Russians are organizing "the greatest mineral drive ever conceived by the government and peoples of a single nation," the Republican Senator, Mr. Owen Brewster, declared in an interview here, quoting a "reliable and authentic report" from Russia.

He stated that the report did not specify whether the quest was for uranium or other fissionable materials.

Senator Brewster said that a German army doctor who was a prisoner in Russia and brought to the United States to testify in a treason trial at Boston, told him that the Russians have a "fairly complete knowledge" about atomic energy.

Senator Brewster has made public a letter to Senator George Malone, of the Senate Committee on natural resources saying that the Russian programme involves over 800 expeditions involving 60,000 scientists, engineers and technicians.—Reuter.

DANGEROUS HABIT

"I am going to put a stop to this," declared Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when he imposed a fine of \$300, or four months' hard labour, on Chan Ping-man convicted on the charge of manufacturing cigarettes without a licence. He used old cigarette butts.

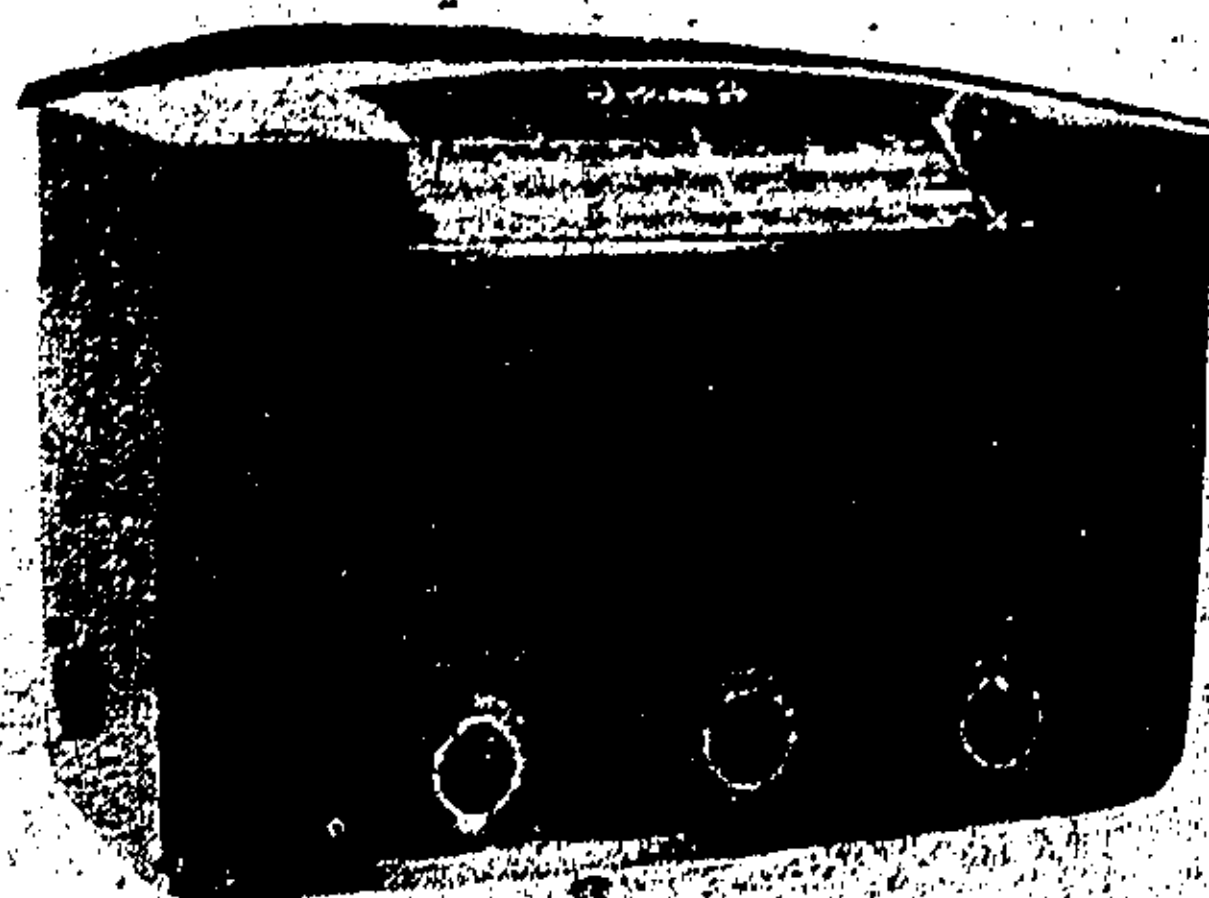
Aggravating with his "worship" that it was a "dangerous and filthy habit," Inspector Oomen added that the manufactured cigarettes were re-packed in "Gold Flake", "Capstan", and other well-known brand cartons. Addressing the accused, his Worship said: "The health of the public means nothing to you. You are only concerned with making a few dollars."

A party of 50 Chinese merchants and factory owners, headed by Robert Der, Chairman of the Kowloon Chinese Chamber of Commerce, will leave for Canton on Thursday on a tour of inspection. All arrangements for the visit were completed last week by Lui Shu-ming, who was des-

H.K. Visit To Canton

patched to Canton to discuss plans with the authorities there. The visit will last four days. The party will meet all high-ranking Canton Government officials and visit all commercial and industrial institutions and factories, and the Fong Bin Hospital and Lingnam University.

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MR. SHINWELL UNDER FIRE

Heckled By Raucous Audience On Eve Of Labour Party Conference

"WHAT IS THE ALTERNATIVE?"

London, May 25. The Minister of Fuel, Emmanuel Shinwell, told a raucous heckling audience tonight that if Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Anthony Eden, instead of the Labour Party, had been running the Government, Britain today would be deep in "industrial strife on a scale never before experienced."

The Fuel Minister had to shout at times to be heard above the "cat calling" crowd. Speaking at a rally on the eve of the Labour Party conference opening, Shinwell said, "We have been spared the obscene presence of a Tory Government in power. We must go forward in our goal and the namby pamby timid spirits in our own party must be prevented. We decline to apologise for what has been done. Mistakes have been made but we are making endeavour to try to lay the foundation of a better order of society."

Someone shouted, "Why don't you sit down," but Shinwell merely threw the heckler a cold look and raised his voice.

"Garrulous Old Gentleman"

"What is the alternative to a Labour Government," he asked and then answered, "The Tory Government led by that garrulous old gentleman Mr. Churchill or by the delinquent Minister Eden."

Another heckler interrupted with, "We should not have been here now if it had not been for Churchill."

Shinwell retorted, "You should not be here now if it had not been for the collective efforts of the workers of Great Britain. No one man can win the war by his own efforts."

A number of hecklers started speaking at once forcing the Fuel Minister to discontinue. When the disturbance died down, he said, "These feeble interruptions do not matter. We do not mind a little controversy. If you had not created it, I would have done it for you."

"We represent the workers with hands and brains, technicians and the people who labour to render service to their country. As far as the rest here—they don't matter two hoots."

Several other Cabinet Ministers addressed pre-convention meet-

"He doesn't like us because we are keeping our promises to the electors. Why should he take umbrage? For the simple reason it has never been done before and if there is one thing the Tories object to... it is the creating of precedents."

Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, elaborated on the theme that the Labour Party was carrying out its pledges.

"We are carrying out our promises on the double," he said. "In the last session and with the session now moving to a close we shall have passed more legislative enactments and set in motion more administrative machinery than any other two sessions Parliament has ever known."

Tory Onslaught

Noel-Baker opened his address with a boast that the Labour Government was the first Government in Britain's history not to lose a bye-election in its first two years, but warned that the party must prepare for a "Tory onslaught"—determined general election by the Conservative Party—in the next three years.

"We know the nation knows that a hard struggle lies ahead for Britain," he said. "But thanks to our nationalization of finance and coal, to our legislative and to our conscious systematic economic planning, thanks above all to the sanity and common sense of the British people, we have made a reasonable start. Let no foreigner believe that Britain is down and out."—United Press.

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MORRISON WARNS THE LABOUR REBELS

Margate, May 25. A warning to "rebel" Labour Members of Parliament was issued today by Mr. Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, on the eve of the Labour Party conference which opens here tomorrow.

"There have been occasions," Mr. Morrison said, "when there has been such excess of individualism as to involve the danger of muddle and confusion calculated to do us no good in the country and when jumping over traces was so pronounced that the whole apple-cart was liable to be upset."

"That, of course, will not do," he continued.

He then called upon members of the Labour Party not to upset the apple cart.

Mr. Morrison predicted that the Labour Party would retain power if the Party is in tip-top fettle, elevated in public spirit and wise and active in good causes.

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this Tory committee should have flirted with a series of principles embodied in the policy and practice of the Labour Government.—Reuter.

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"Completely Absurd"

HUNGER STRIKE

Belgrade, May 25. The official Yugoslav News Agency reported from Trieste today that political prisoners there have been on a hunger strike for eight days, demanding better food and permission to receive newspapers and letters in the Slovene language.

Thirty-one of them were in Jugoita, the Agency said, adding that protests had been sent to the Allied Military Government by factory workers.—Reuter.

Paris, May 25. The idea that the United States will only lend money to Britain if she gets rid of the Socialist Government was branded as completely absurd today by the Independent Conservative Paris paper "Figaro."

The paper stated that a rumour has been current in France to the effect that America granted the recent loan of U.S. \$200,000,000 to France on the condition that she got rid of the Communists.

These statements and reports that America will only give a loan to Britain if she ends the reign of the Socialists are dictated by bad faith and also by considerable naivete, "Figaro" declared.—Reuter.

Germans Get Baltic Ports Back

Berlin, May 25. Management of the North German Baltic ports of Wismar, Rostok and Stralsund has been returned to the Germans by the Russian Military Administration in Germany.

The German local authorities will be given full responsibility for shipping, enlargement of harbour facilities, and local exchange of goods.

A big programme of expansion and rebuilding of these ports in order to increase the capacity of German shipping will be undertaken.

The programme provides for dredging operations along the Mecklenburg shore from Wismar to Warnemuende and deepening and dredging of the port of Sassnitz at the German end of the railway ferry to Sweden, which is expected to reopen this year.

The work of the Germans will be coordinated by a supervising body in Rostok, which in turn will collaborate closely with Germany's rail administration for transport in the Soviet Zone.

A Reuter correspondent who visited Rostok during a 1,000 kilometre tour a week ago and toured the harbour and shipyards, met the Russian naval officers to whom the German officials were responsible, principally in matters relating to the shipment of reparations.

The correspondent saw several small vessels of about 2,000 tons, laden ready for departure with crates of textiles and technical goods on the decks as well as in the holds.

The Russians said there had been no dismantling at Rostok, and German harbour officials in private conversation confirmed this.

U.S. "Plans" In The Med.

London, May 25. The United States has "plans" in the West Mediterranean, according to the Soviet commentator, K. Hoffman, in a Moscow broadcast on Spain today.

"There are indications that, alongside the programme of aid to the reactionary regimes in Greece and Turkey, American diplomacy is planning to extend and strengthen its position in the western Mediterranean too," he said.

"The intrigues of the world reactionaries in the Spanish question must be met with great vigilance by all the freedom-loving nations of the world," he continued.

"The Spanish question must be solved along the lines required by peace and security. The Fascist hothed in Spain must be destroyed."—Reuter.

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Arthur Horner's Volte-Face

Margate, May 25. Revision of the British loan agreement with the United States and a conference of all Dominion Prime Ministers and colonial leaders of the British Empire to discuss joint economic planning was called for today on the eve of the Labour Party conference here, in a statement issued by Mr. Arthur Horner, miners' leader, not on behalf of his trade union but of the Communist Party.

Stating that convertibility of sterling balances could not be resumed in July and that Britain must regain her freedom for a joint long-term planning of her foreign trade with other countries despite the Bretton Woods Agreement, Mr. Horner argued that the United States had not kept their part of the bargain.

They had failed to develop their domestic full-employment policy, to reduce their tariff or to make massive loans for world reconstruction without political conditions, "as envisaged in the Roosevelt era."

The Communists put these points, not in the framework of an attack on Mr. Ernest Bevin's foreign policy, but of domestic economic programme for dealing with Britain's coming dollar crisis.

"No international policy can solve the problem unless Britain is reorganised to produce for her own and the world's needs," the document states.

Backing Bevin

This shifting of the main weight of Communist propaganda on the eve of the Labour Party Conference from a negative attack on Mr. Bevin to a patriotic appeal for saving Britain, and from the foreign to the domestic scene, is considered significant by observers here, who regard it as partly due to the Communist realisation that anti-Bevin propaganda will suffer a heavy defeat in the first day's debates.

Yesterday's decision by the miners' delegations, which wield a bloc vote of over 400,000 at the

Conference to back Mr. Bevin which was arrived at, despite Mr. Horner's efforts, with a large majority, has confirmed this impression.

The Communists themselves have clearly been embarrassed by the attack on Mr. Bevin by "Figaro" which seems to have served only to consolidate this support, and their statement which positively mentions that Britain's new trade agreement with Poland and the trade negotiations with Russia are steps in the right direction seems also designed to disassociate them from the impression created by that article in the Soviet newspaper.

The Incentive Bonus

In the domestic field, on the other hand, the Communist demand for more ruthless planning and stricter concentration on essentials will find a sympathetic echo among many trade unionists and political Left Wingers at this Conference.

But the Communists have come out for the first time in favour of a system of "incentive bonuses" to workers which would make payments above the guaranteed minimum wage dependent on output, and also for a kind of "shock brigade" system of voluntary week-end work in key industries, both by their own workers and by outside volunteers.

At the same time they advocate special rations and fixed concessions for workers in the undermanned key industries, a regulation which would make the issue of ration books dependent on the consumer performing some useful work, including work of housewives and students, ban on holidays abroad unless connected with national business, and a three-years ban on emigration because "Britain now needs every worker."—Reuter.

Promise

Margate, May 25. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Hugh Dalton, promised yesterday that the Labour Party would carry through nationalisation of the iron, steel and gas industries "before our five years are out" in 1950.

Dalton, here for the opening of the annual party conference on Monday, said that after the nationalisation of these industries, the Labourites would "lay down for the approval of the electors the next five year plan for socialisation."

He added that "there are many good candidates for inclusion in this plan, though I don't suppose we shall be settling them finally this week."—Associated Press.

Four Die In Fog Collisions

Dover, May 25. Full details were established only today of two shipping disasters early yesterday off the fog-shrouded Goodwin Sands in the English Channel in which four men lost their lives.

The American tanker, Newhall Hills, steaming through thick fog near the Goodwins, collided with a vessel believed to have been the Swedish ship, Monica, of 400 tons. Although the Newhall Hills was sailing in ballast, an explosion in a gasoline tank started a violent fire and the ship's bow was blown off.

One man on board the tanker was killed by the explosion. Two hours after the collision, the Monica was sighted, with damaged bows and her captain in bandages. She was able to continue her voyage to the continent.

Three of the crew of five of the Ostend trawler, Oceanic II, were drowned when the trawler was cut in two by another United States ship, the John La Farge.

Two survivors, both of them Belgians, were picked up by a lifeboat after being in the water for seven hours.

These details were only established this evening when the survivors of the Oceanic II and the Ramsgate lifeboat which went to the aid of the Newhall Hills reached port. Earlier, it had been thought that Oceanic II had collided with the Newhall Hills.

The tanker was towed into Sheerness today, escorted by a fireboat, with one quarter of her length broken off by the explosion in the bows. The Ramsgate lifeboat had been standing by for three hours, a lifeboat's longest period at sea since the evacuation of British troops from Dunkirk in 1940.—Reuter.

At Sheerness

Ramsgate, May 25. The 10,441-ton United States tanker, Newhall Hills, minus her bows which were blown off in the explosion and fire caused by her collision with a smaller vessel yesterday, was towed into Sheerness, Kent, today by four tugs.

The "Stars and Stripes" was at half-mast for an able seaman, Edward Bolechala, 23, of Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, who was killed in the explosion.

The other ship involved is believed to have been the 800 tons Monica, of Sweden, which two hours after the explosion approached the tanker. Her bows were slightly damaged but she was able to continue to the continent.

Wreckage Found

Wreckage from a fishing vessel, the Belgian Oceanic II, which was sunk after the collision yesterday, with another United States ship, the 7,100-ton John La Farge, was found last night. Two survivors from the vessel's crew of five were picked up.

The master of the Newhall Hills said today that when a dense fog had rolled in, the ship was reduced to half speed immediately, and all precautions were taken. "The whistle was in operation," he added.

He said that when, shortly afterwards, a whistle was heard on the starboard bow, "I started to reduce to slow speed when an unknown vessel struck the No. 2 tank bow."—Reuter.



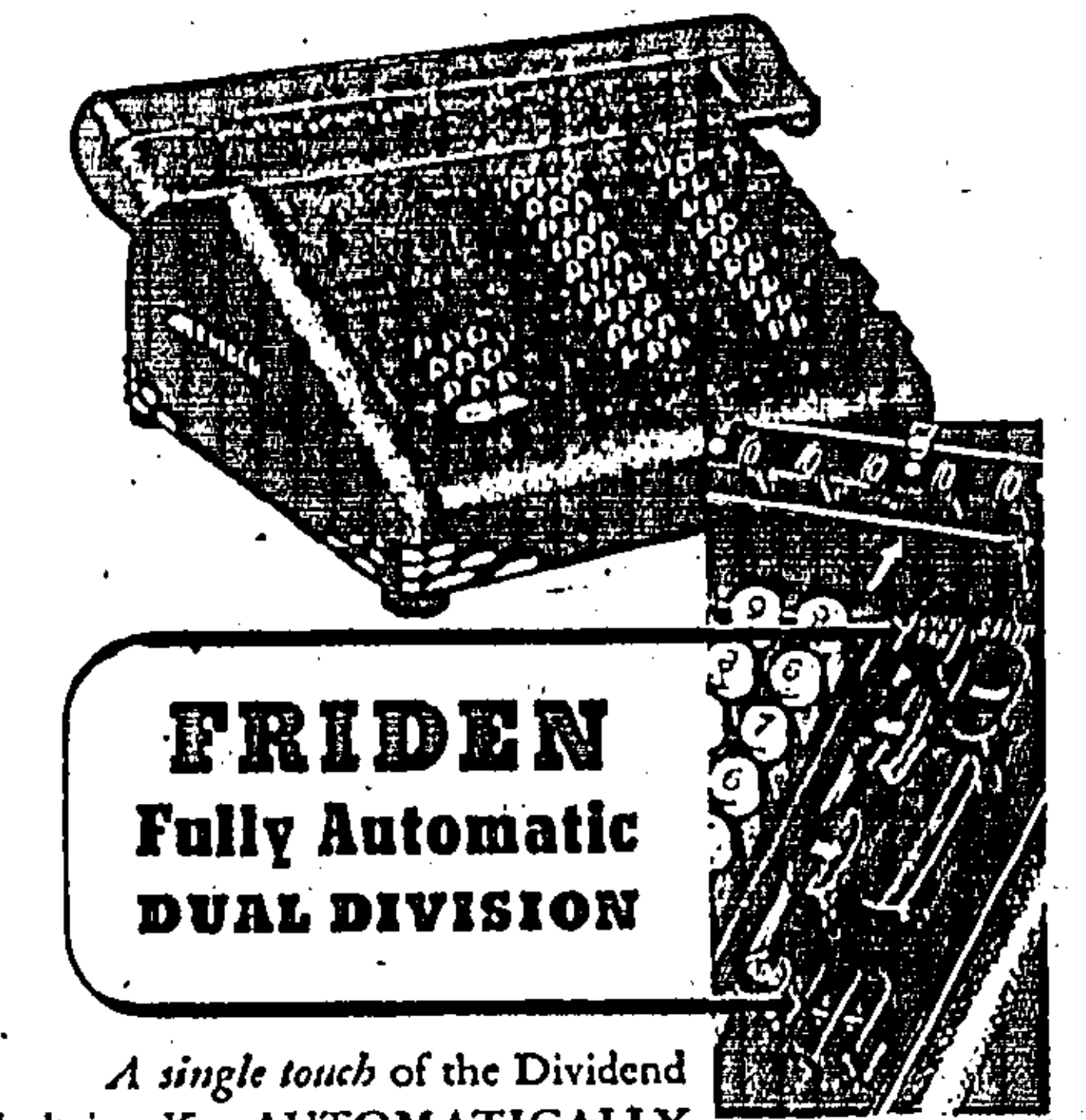
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SHORTAGE OF RICE 25 Per Cent Of Pre-War

Washington, May 26. Rice eating nations will receive but about 25 per cent of their pre-war supplies during 1947, D. A. Fitzgerald, director-general of the International Emergency Food Council, said today. "And the problem will not be solved until rice production in the major pre-war rice exporting countries is completely rehabilitated," he told the fourth meeting of the Council in his report on world food conditions.

Fitzgerald said the three major rice exporting nations are Burma, Siam and French Indo-China, and estimated their 1947 surplus would be only 2,170,000 metric tons compared with 7,000,000 pre-war.

Further, he said, the 1948 prospects are equally bad and added that there is no hope of "amelioration of the critical shortage" in the near future.

Five Years

Fitzgerald declared "in the three principal rice exporting countries of Burma, Siam and French Indo-China only a small part of the acreage removed from cultivation during the Japanese occupation has been brought back into cultivation."

"Burma authorities estimate that five years of intensive effort will be required before Burma's production and exports gain their level."

Analysing the expected 1947 production of the three principal producers, Fitzgerald said: "Burma is scheduled for the shipment of 405,000 tons, less than a third of her pre-war average of 2,550,000 tons."

French Indo-China, "This before the war exporter of an average of 1,350,000 tons is troubled by civil strife and will be able to send less than a tenth of its normal output—85,000 tons."

Siam—Siam is still unable to ship more than some 400,000 tons—less than a third of her pre-war average of 1,350,000 tons."

Fitzgerald said the western nations and Australia have taken vigorous steps to increase their production to help offset the shortage.

Brazil Production

In this the United States, Brazil and Australia have taken leading parts. "The most notable increase in production has taken place in Brazil," Fitzgerald said. "Compared with pre-war, the production there has gone up about 70 per cent, having jumped from 882,000 tons to over 1,400,000 tons."

"Brazil's total rice exports will amount to about 357,000 tons during 1946-47 compared with 38,000 tons annually before the war."

He said the United States also has made sharp production increases. "Before the war the average annual exports of rice from the United States amounted to 97,000 tons or 1.2 per cent of the total moving in international trade."

"In 1946-47 the United States will export 325,000 tons or 11 per cent of the amount moving in international trade."

Demands Reduced
Against the 2,170,000 tons expected for 1947 export, Fitzgerald said there have been demands amounting to over 6,000,000 tons resulting in demands of the various importing nations to be reduced sharply.



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Canton Critics Of Marshal Li

Canton, May 26. The Provincial Kuomintang, the City Kuomintang and the City Assembly wired Nanking today demanding the expulsion of Marshal Li Chai-sun from the Kuomintang for his recent public statement in Hong Kong against the Nationalist Government.

The Canton Daily Sun said Marshal Li's pronouncements had resulted in rumors of possible activities of oppositionists "about stirring up trouble in Canton and elsewhere in Kwangtung province."

The Sun added that some workers and students have responded to the riots and strikes in Shanghai and Nanking, and the price of rice has not gone up fast enough to warrant any disturbances of "the first magnitude."

Nanking is reported to have ordered the military here to take all possible steps against any plots to effect a coup d'etat.

As long as rice prices are stabilized, uprisings here are unlikely, the Sun said, adding that the Kwangtung provincial government will shortly impart 50,000 plebs from Hunan. Associated Press.

Queen Mother's 80th Birthday

London, May 25. Queen Mary, the Queen Mother, will be 80 tomorrow. The approach of her birthday demonstrated once more the affection with which she is regarded by Britons.

Newspapers printed today on front pages latest photographs showing her as erect and regal as ever. Long articles in all of them dwell affectionately on the Queen's place in the life of the nation, identifying her with the sorrows and joys that the cavalcade of the last 80 years of history has brought to all British women and mothers.

She too lost a son on active service in World War II, the Duke of Kent. Above all, in the heart of Britain, she typifies a mother and a queen. She represents the English in the sense of home, of quiet certainty and of continuing standards in a world of change. No one has ever had a stronger feeling for the high tradition of the monarchy or for the grace and dignity of heroic culture or has done more to make these visible and understandable.

This attitude towards steadfast qualities of home and marriage, and toward the responsibilities of monarchy goes far to explain her grief over the abdication of her eldest son, the Duke of Windsor, and for her continued refusal to meet the Duchess of Windsor.

Quiet Day
At the age of 26, she married the Duke of York, who became King George V. Never was her popularity so widely demonstrated as on the Jubilee of their reign. It has grown steadily, particularly since her widowhood in January, 1936. The more rumour that she is paying a visit to a hospital, a gallery or antique shop will call a crowd round the doors.

Gardening is one of her chief interests and nearly every day she spends an hour or two in the ground of Marlborough House, her London home. Often in the afternoons she drives to Kew or Battersea Park or the private garden of one of her friends near London and spends an hour walking about. She is always up before eight and rarely goes to bed before 11.30.

Queen Mary, celebrating her birthday tomorrow will fulfil no public engagements and take part in no official celebrations.

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MACAO AGAIN

Shanghai, May 26. The City Council plenary session opens this morning to discuss 97 resolutions, including one demanding immediate retrocession of Macao, the Portuguese colony near Hong Kong.—United Press.

Chinese Plays At The Star

The two plays beginning in the Star Theatre to-morrow should receive a warm welcome from all who are interested in the development of the stage. They show that modern trend in the Chinese Theatre towards realism. They are acted by a professional cast which has won praise all over China. They are clever, satirical, humorous and by turns. The plays are in Cantonese, but a complete running commentary in English will make them intelligible to those who do not know even a word of Chinese. They come to the Star through the kindness of C.S.E. and under the patronage of the Sino-British Club.

The first play, "Snakes and Ladders," is an example of Chinese satire at its liveliest and best. The acting, direction and staging is excellent. It is not often that such polished playing of modern drama is seen in Hong Kong. All who speak Chinese or English are assured of a most enlightening evening. "Snakes and Ladders" begins to-morrow, at 8.30 p.m. and will run for four days.

It will be followed on Sunday, June 1 by a play called, in English, "Mr. Q goes to Town," one of the most famous tragicomedies on the Chinese stage to-day.

Plays begin each night at 8.30 p.m. "Snakes and Ladders" May 28 to May 31. "Mr. Q goes to Town" June 1 to 4. Booking at Star Theatre.

DEVONS MAN FINED

L/Cpl. Patrick Coady, of the Devons, was fined \$40 and ordered to pay \$10 compensation by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday when he pleaded guilty to assaulting Yeung Hop at the China Fleet Club.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—"Old Favorites" by Quentin Maclean at the Organ.
12.47 p.m.—Glenn Miller and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Popular Songs by Silfient Philine (Soprano) and John McHugh (Tenor).

1.30 p.m.—"A Violin and a Piano," Fritz Kreisler and Rachmaninoff.
2.00 p.m.—Glenn Miller and His Orchestra.
2.05 p.m.—"Stars Parade" Film and Stage Favourites of Today & Yesterday.

7.00 p.m.—Studio: George Lobb at the Piano.
7.25 p.m.—Albert Sandler and His Violin.
7.30 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "The English Theatre" Musical Comedy.

7.45 p.m.—"Animal Parade."
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—Legends in Music.
8.30 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "The Man from Helen" Part 2. The experiences of the only British Service from Japan.

9.00 p.m.—Music by Cole Porter-Taylor.
9.30 p.m.—Songs and Strides.
9.45 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "The Masqueraders."
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.
10.10 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Ambassador Ballroom.
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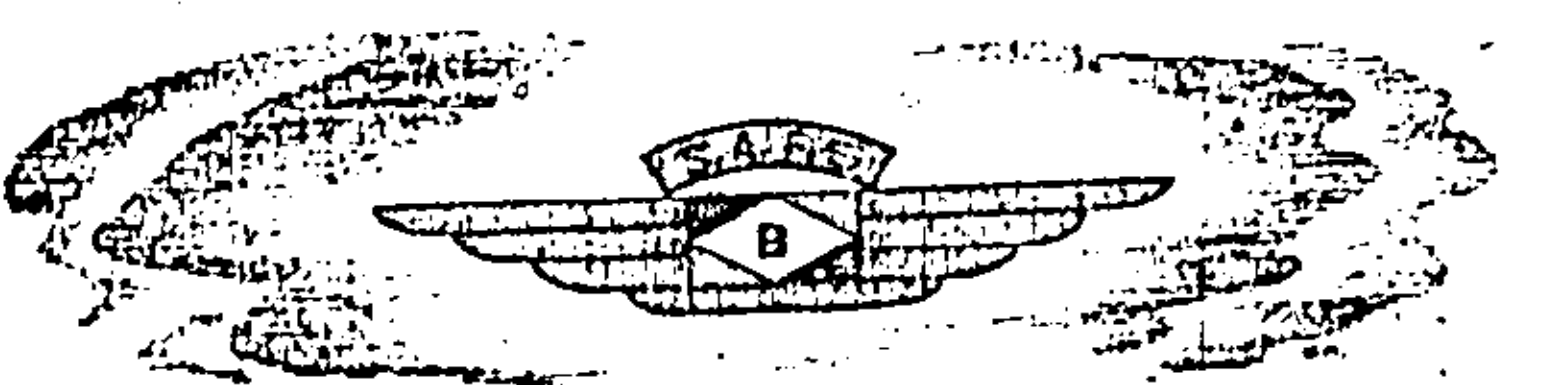
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COLLABORATION ISSUES

The correspondent who urges an end to vague references to "big time" collaborators and recommends that we emblazon the names twice-weekly, overlooks one or more essential points. The law of libel has yet to be removed from the statute books. While conceivably the plea of "fair comment on a matter of public importance" could, dubiously, be advanced in certain instances, the well-known journalistic axiom "the greater the truth the greater the libel" would probably be found to have a realistic application. It is one thing to know, another to prove. It is relatively easy to discover conversational denunciations of this, that or the other man, and quite another to persuade them to repeat their allegations in the witness box. More important, whether we air in agreement with the decision or not, an amnesty covering a wide field of collaboration has been declared, and it must be presumed that those who have not been brought to trial have been accounted as coming within its terms. Black with guilt as many of them may be, they have, for reasons of high policy which few have been able to follow, been played beyond the reach of the law; not so the newspaper which ventured, at this stage in the proceedings, to hold up their names to public contempt and approbrium. Considerations such as these largely prompted our criticism of the sentence in the *Gracie* case. When those who made fortunes collaborating with the Japanese are not to be held answerable for their offences, there is, as we have already said, something wrong, and contemptible, in pursuing those who cannot afford to meet even the expense of counsel to handle their defence. And when, over and above that, the sentence passed appears to be unduly harsh from whatever angle the case may be reviewed, then it is time that protest was voiced. The man who rats against his country is not a pleasant subject, no matter what his motives, nor how bitter his provocation, but to make fish of one type and fowl of the other is by and large the greater crime against society. *Gracie*, in any case, struck observers as a lost sheep, a prodigal son, rather than a scoundrel, and therefore as deserving of sympathy rather than misguided severity.

SHOP WINDOW

In spite of the difficulties created for British industry by the fuel famine, the British Industries Fair, which has just closed, is a sign that the wounds inflicted by that disaster are not mortal. Before the war the Fair had established itself as the greatest national trade fair in the world, the Empire's shop window in a real sense of the word. That it should be resumed at all so soon after the war would have been evidence of confidence and vitality. Its resumption on an enlarged scale despite the unprecedented difficulties of the winter is in itself a definite achievement. More buyers and more interested visitors attended than had before, doubly to justify the enterprise. Nevertheless, we must recognise that a shop window which invites purchasers for wares which cannot be promptly delivered is scarcely fulfilling its purpose. It is reassuring to note that delivery terms for articles exhibited were reasonable and in some instances good. The Fair is, of course, mainly a sample of quality but, in a world hungry for consumer goods of all sorts, quantity and speed of delivery are assets unusually attractive. How far they can be claimed for British products depends to a very great extent on the introduction of the five-day week in the mines. The response of the miners will decide whether the shop window really means business or is only a brave gesture.

MAKING THE SEAS SAFER

That Britain is an island has made the conquest of the sea vital to her existence. In wartime to keep open the sea routes becomes a matter of life and death. As in so many other ways, war stepped up research and discovery in all things pertaining to the sea. Today, not only Britain, but other nations, maritime and otherwise, benefit from new war-time devices and safety regulations which should save thousands of lives in the next few decades.

A sailor's life is still one of the most dangerous of all, but thanks to scientific invention each voyage is no longer an adventure with only a 50 per cent chance of survival. Yet, at the same time, collision, fog, shipwreck and, since World War II, floating mines, take their toll of shipping and human lives.

It is only in the 20th century that we have seen a great development of safety measures at sea. Before the coming of the torpedo and high explosive bombs men ran more risks from the hazards of the sea itself than from any enemy. Now, the submarine has introduced a deadly menace and the dangers to seamen are increased a hundredfold.

Radar

Radio aids to navigation rank high in the developments of safety at sea. In 1914, the British Government had already begun investigating the possibility of using radar to help merchant shipping, and early in 1946 Britain took a leading part in the London International meeting to consider the many problems involved. An Admiralty experimental vessel, a 600-ton steamer, was brought up the Solent entirely by the use of radar. Several systems of radio and radar were installed on this vessel to show how British naval radio and radar can be adapted to serve world needs. Radar apparatus reflects all radio waves from nearby objects, such as the coast, ships or buoys. These are picked up by a receiver and transformed into a moving picture on a chart so that the navigator gets a view of his position and the range of any object can then be measured exactly by a device that draws a circle round its bearings.

Plans have already been made to have a complete network of shore radar installations covering all parts of Britain. Conditions of disaster at sea in war-time differ materially from those encountered in peace, but many of the improvements and devices produced by Britain as a result of war experience are likely to be equally valuable in saving life from shipwreck by natural causes. For instance, a ship-to-shore medical service which started prior to the war has now been developed into a first-class sea welfare organisation. Around Britain's coasts are 12 radio stations from which operators keep ceaseless watch for calls for help. In the vicinity of each station a panel of doctors is available and, in urgent cases, he can send and receive messages regarding treatment and diagnosis. The importance of such a service needs no elaboration. It will be the means of saving thousands of lives. This service, by the way, is given free of charge.

Chances Of Survivors

The many war-time regulations for ships' boats will also be of inestimable benefit in peacetime. Britain's Ministry of War Transport did world-wide service in laying down the exact equipment to be carried in ships' boats, with the result that today the chances of survival for shipwrecked seamen have enormously improved.

Here are a few of the details which Britain's lifeboats now have to carry:—First-aid outfit in water-tight case; oil for massage and for pouring on rough water; red flares for attracting passing vessels; a loud-hailer which will carry the slightest whisper 5,000 yards; hand rockets and smoke signals which float on the water and make distress signals visible from air and sea; special devices to produce drinking water from sea water; wire ropes instead of hemp. Lifeboat equipment is fixed so that if the boat upsets which launched the equipment remains in position, and drinking water containers are fixed to the hulls of lifeboats to enable people who scramble on to them to hold on in comparative safety. Britain's Navigators and Engineers Officers Union has also

prepared special waterproof charts for storing in lifeboats in place of the former Admiralty charts which were ruined by immersion in water. Thousands of lives were lost in the past when the list of a sinking ship made it impossible to launch the ships' boats. Now, a launching skid has been invented which allows the

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boats to be launched from either side of the ship. These skids are so simple that they can be constructed from the ordinary materials found on any vessel.

To overcome the difficulty of carrying sufficient lifeboats, rafts are now also supplied. Permanent rafts are a feature of ships, and merchant vessels have to carry at least one of the specially-designed Ministry of War Transport rafts. This is made of wood with weather boards round the sides and buoyancy tanks to keep it afloat. It is so easily launched that one man can push it off with his foot. It has a mast, crude sails, a rough rudder and lockers for equipment. The effectiveness of this type of raft is demonstrated by the case of nine British seamen, who, in 1942, made a voyage lasting 34 days on one of them, 10ft. long and 8ft. wide, when they were cast adrift in the South Atlantic.

Tabloid Food

Britain has made good use of suggestions from seamen who have had first-hand experience of shipwreck. The installation of small metal mirrors in lifeboats is one result, suggested by a seaman who used the lid of a biscuit tin to flash signals to an approaching vessel.

Special tabloid food which is easy to store is provided and special clothing to aid survival. The main principle of this clothing is to use the air for retaining warmth. The shipwreck suit consists of a com-

plete covering of wind-and water-proof material which envelops the body. The legs of the trousers end in a form of rubber-lined shoes. The neck is also rubber lined, and the wrists are made airtight. The hands can be withdrawn into the sleeves so that they are completely covered. The advantage of this suit is that if the wearer is soaked to the skin before putting it on he will quickly get over the chill because the body heat raises the temperature of the water in the wet clothes. In the case of a strong sun the clothing acts as an insulator and keeps out excessive heat. The suit is closed by zip fasteners and is so coloured that it is easy to see.

A device has also been perfected which can be attached to a life-jacket or suit to give a light to indicate the wearer's position in the water. The lamp is connected to a battery in a pocket, and will burn for about 10 hours.

First Place

A new type of stretcher is the result of war experience. This is of stout canvas stiffened with bamboo slats and has the advantage of being easily borne in narrow corners and steep stairways where an ordinary stretcher would be useless. The patient is enclosed in a protective flexible case.

The number and standard of lifeboats or rafts to be carried on ships has also much improved. Every merchant ship of 3,000 tons or more must now have at least one motor lifeboat on each side with adequate supplies of fuel and radio equipment, the latter of special design and capable of operating even after being submerged. Another interesting point is the installation of steel, instead of wood lifeboats on tankers.

Britain has first place in these inventions and developments which should lead to their common use in the general interest of the whole world.

China's Political Outlook

Nanking, May 25.
Recent statements of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Premier Chang Chun reiteration of the Government's willingness to achieve a political settlement with the Reds are not

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seen here as a new peace move, as a revival of negotiations is still conditioned on the Red withdrawal from railways, a condition which the Communists will never agree to.

Partly as a result of the Government's reverses in Manchuria, the impression has gained firmer ground here that neither of the warring factions is capable of inflicting a clear-cut decisive defeat on the other.

The Reds, flushed with their success in Manchuria, are considered less likely now than ever before to make peace except on their terms. Even if these conditions were to be fulfilled—and prospects, admittedly, would be nil—no one in Nanking expects the Reds would agree to enter the Government as a junior partner and sacrifice their armies on which their power now rests. There is, however, no fear of a downfall of the Government in the sense of control passing to a completely different group and even if the military-political-economic situation retrogresses still further it would have to travel very far indeed, in the opinion of most observers, before Chiang Kai-shek's personal position would be compromised.

Student Unrest

The only big group today in China which can be described as optimistic are the Chinese Communists themselves who continually claim military successes and express conviction of ultimate victory, a conviction unshaken by even such setbacks as the fall of Yenan.

The present student unrest is seen by all quarters here as being of immense significance, particularly in embarrassing the Government and weakening its prestige, but it is believed the administration will somehow manage to bring it under control.

Foreign experts on China while concerned are not alarmed by the steady blackmarket depreciation value of the Chinese dollar, their argument being that while inflation is one in-

dex of the country's position resulting from the civil war, crops are the only true barometer. Barring widespread crop failure they say the situation can continue retrogressing almost indefinitely without complete economic collapse.

The process of economic disintegration began in wartime, inexorably continuing but to what point this disintegration will become a collapse is anyone's guess.

Not On Cards

Most observers find the term "collapse" hard to define. One theory is when farmers generally start hoarding food, refusing to pay land tax in kind, and if the country splits into regional divisions, defying the central authority and if as a result the latter becomes unable to function. This stage, it is contended, is far off, certainly not on the cards this year.

All circles realise labour and student unrest in places like Shanghai has considerable political influence but little effect over the economic situation.

A crucial question in this nation remains always the harvest. It is freely admitted by all sides that each successive crisis was worse than the preceding, but it is believed the country can surmount a pyramiding crisis sometimes without the banishment of the central authority.

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turnor



"Well, with the housing situation what it is, do you think it's safe to give the neighbors a chance to complain to the landlord about my practicing?"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

LATER TRICKS REQUIRED

Beyond doubt, the worst mistake made by average players, in use or misuse of the Blackwood or Culbertson 4-No Trump slam convention, comes from employing it at the wrong time. Such probing for aces and kings in the partner's hand should seldom be done except when the conventional bidder holds an adequate amount of strength in his own hand, over and above his own aces and kings. Later trick-takers, consisting of queens, jacks and establishable long-suit small cards or shortages where ruffing can be done, are vital to make the topcard information decisive.

S 10 6
H Q 9 3
D J 10 5
C Q J 9 7 4

S 8 3
H A 7 5 2
D A Q 6 2
C A K 5

S Q 9 7 4 2
H J 10
D 9
C 10 8 6 3 2

(Dealer: North, North-South vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
Pass	1 D	Pass	1 H
Pass	3 H	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 D	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 S	Pass	7 H

Just notice that East and West have all of the aces and all of the kings, but it requires 13 tricks to make a grand slam.

not just the eight tricks which those big cards will take. There was no earthly way to prevent the defenders from taking a trump trick unless one of them would be foolish enough to lead a heart, which neither was. So the contract went down one.

The grand slam try at No. 10 Trumps would have been just as disheartening.

Lack of the heart Q was the most important omission in the declarer's equipment, but in No. 10 Trumps the other two queens held by the defence could have made the grand slam possible if they had been switched to the other side.

Incidentally, the order of events in the bidding would have been sounder if West had properly bid 2-Hearts on his first turn with that mighty line-up of his.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A 9 6 3 2
H 10 8
D A K 7 5 3 2
C None

S Q J 10
H Q 7 6 3
D 10 6
C Q J 9 4

S 8 4
H A K J 9 6 2
D 4
C A K

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable.)

How should South play for 6-Hearts in a rubber game, after West leads the diamond 10?

EXPLOSION IN HANKOW

Hankow, May 26.
Seventeen were seriously injured and two houses wrecked by an explosion yesterday afternoon in a dugout near the workmen's dormitory of the Service of Supply's No. 7 Ammunition Depot. The dugout, crudely erected by the Japanese during the war, contained about 500 kilograms of explosives which exploded due to the summer heat. The No. 7 ammunition depot, however, was not affected by the explosion.—Central News.

EXPEDITION TO OKHOTSK SEA

Moscow, May 25.
A scientific expedition to conduct research into the fishing resources of the Okhotsk and Japan Seas left Leningrad for Sakhalin and the Kurile Islands.

The expedition has four ships at its disposal and is intended to send at least 15 parties to various places in this immense area.—Reuter.

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INDIAN LEADERS GATHERING Preparations For Momentous Meeting

Moslems Parade In London

London, May 25. The Moslem League of Britain today presented a memorandum to the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, demanding Pakistan without the partitioning of Bengal and the Punjab.

The memorandum, presented by the President of the Moslem League in Britain, Ali Mohammed Khan, and four others, described the Congress proposal for the partition of the Punjab and Bengal as a "sundering" move to weaken Pakistan.

The memorandum, after outlining the geographical details of Pakistan, stated that Mr. Jinnah's demand for a corridor connecting the eastern and western parts of Pakistan.

Earlier today, the slogan "Long live Jinnah," "We will die for Pakistan" and "We shall not accept partition of Bengal and the Punjab" were heard by holiday Londoners as over 1,000 Indian Moslems paraded in a procession through West End street.

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Viceroy To Present Cabinet's Plan

New Delhi, May 25. Indian leaders were already gathering here today for last-minute talks in readiness for the momentous meeting, eight days from now, at which they will hear from the Viceroy the British Government's latest plan for transferring power to Indians.

Mahatma Gandhi arrived here today by rail from Patna in response to a specific invitation from Pandit Nehru. The interim Government is anxious that Mr. Gandhi should be present at a special Congress Working Committee meeting called before June 2.

Pandit Nehru is arriving here tomorrow from Mussoorie, a hill station in the United Provinces.

Admiral Lord Mountbatten was expected to leave for India on Thursday with the plan approved by the Cabinet last Friday.

As the shape was being set in New Delhi for the meeting at which the Indian leaders will be called upon to receive Britain's plan for withdrawal and eventually to make their own choice on India's future, the new wave of communal rioting, which has been sweeping India from coast to coast, continued today.

Volunteer Army

The Moslem League's "Volunteer Army," armed with rifles,

Egypt's Dispute For U.N.O.

Cairo, May 25. The Egyptian Prime Minister, Mahmoud Fahmy El Nakhashy Pasha, is to head the Egyptian delegation which will submit the country's dispute with Britain over the revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty to the United Nations.

The delegation will also include the Education Minister, Abdul Razak el Sanhoury Pasha, the Commerce and Industry Minister, Mahmoud Riaz Bey, the Public Works Minister, Abdul Meguid Ibrahim Saleh, and Senator Ahmed Ramzi Bey.

They will be joined in New York by Mahmoud el Hussein Pasha, Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, and Mahmoud Fawzi Bey, permanent delegate to the United Nations.

Date of departure of the delegation for New York has not so far been fixed. Reuter.

Madagascar Rebels Hoped For US Aid

Pretoria, May 25. According to letters received from Madagascar, the insurgents, who began the attacks on the French forces there at the end of March, have now lost all illusions that their movement will receive United States support.

The insurgents had been told by their leaders that United States air force and naval units would move in to their aid.

Letters written from Madagascar twelve days ago report events in the south-east, particularly in the regions of Mokannanga, Mahanora and Parafangona. The writers said that the rebels, realizing that they are on their own, have gone deep into the thick forests where pursuit is practically impossible, but from which bands issue forth at night to attack isolated settlements.

The guerrillas first cut telegraph and telephone wires, then with wild shouts, attack settlers and their native servants, killing all indiscriminately.

The French allege that much rumour is issued to these "shock troops." The correspondence received here reflects the feeling among the French in Madagascar that unless strong reinforcements are sent, it may take a long time to suppress the insurgent movement. The rebel units, being very mobile, must be mopped up systematically, which process manifestly will call for many troops. Reuter.

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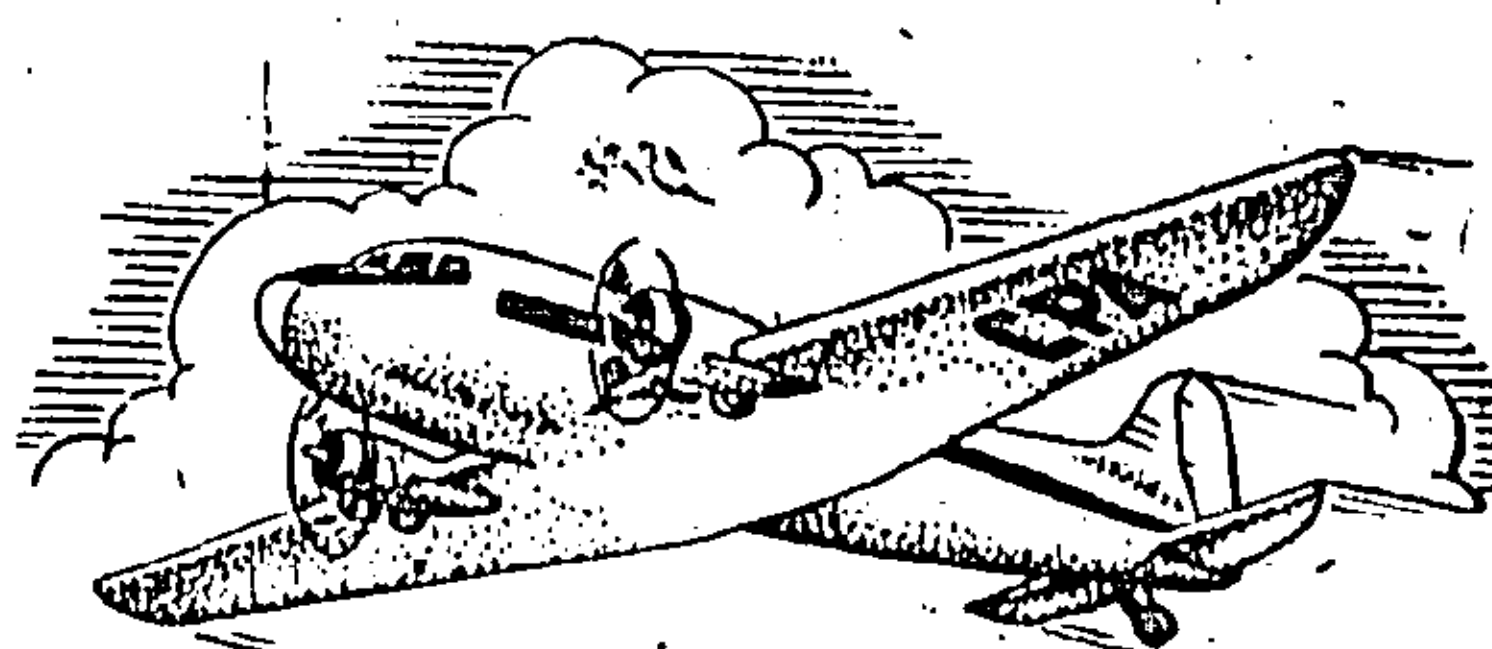
Nanking is not inclined to shed too many tears for the Shanghai businessmen struggling against inflation. The effect of the declining value of the Chinese currency, it is contended, is not one-tenth so powerful on the vast agricultural section comprising more than 80 per cent of China's population.

One expert's view is that foreign exchange so vital to the trader merely expresses the relationship between internal and external prices which is bound to deteriorate as long as one continues to mount.

Stable Exchange

A stable exchange rate is regarded as impossible and the Government's failure to hold the line of CN\$12,000 to US\$1.00 is considered only natural as would the failure to hold any new line. The basic cause, emphasised and re-emphasised here, is the civil war, with the disruption of communications, movements of goods and such evils as diversion of food stocks to the army, shortage of manpower on farms due to conscription.

Conclusions drawn from a survey of best opinion is that in 1947 there will be, firstly, no downfall of Chiang Kai-shek's Government; secondly, no economic collapse as defined; and thirdly, no clearcut overall victory by either side. What 1948 holds is another question, which perhaps just now only a seer could answer. —Associated Press.



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Gandhi: "Freedom Is In Our Hands"

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American 'Scapegoats' Protest

Munich, May 25. Three American civilians charged tonight that they were held by the Army "without charges" for periods of from 10 to 20 days.

Army officials said they were charged with tampering with the registry of German automobiles and disappropriation of Army rations.

The men have been confined to the Military Government compound here while the investigation is being completed. The civilians claimed they were being made "scapegoats" for high ranking officials and that the Military Government is attempting to discover the disposition of some 400 German automobiles which have disappeared from the German economy.—United Press.

Washington, May 25. The Maritime Commission reported today that the number of ships in its reserve fleet has dropped to 1,232—the lowest since May of last year when they totalled 924.—Associated Press.

Kashmir Trouble

The civil disobedience movement started by the Muslim League against the Congress Party Ministry in Assam continued and demonstrators were being arrested almost daily for leading processions and shouting slogans.

An effort to smooth over the difficulties in the mountain state of Kashmir was made today by Mr. J. B. Kripalani, Congress President, when he called on the people of the state to drop their "Quit Kashmir" campaign against their Maharajah. They should demand a Peoples State under their own ruler, he said. Congress had raised the "Quit India" slogan against the British as they were foreigners, but the ruler of Kashmir was a son of the soil and had every right to live in Kashmir.—Reuter.

DIVISION OF INDIA-- DIVISION OF FORCES

New Delhi, May 25. A division of India must inevitably result in a division of the Indian armed forces, Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Member in the Indian Interim Government, said in an interview today, adding: "If we have to nationalise and at the same time divide the armed forces, it is going to have a terrible effect on the army and the country."

Such a division, he said, was not in the interests of either part of a divided India, but a division was inevitable as it would be "highly advisable" to have a joint army for Hindu and Moslem India.

So far, Sardar Baldev continued, a large part of the Indian army was recruited in the Punjab. An overwhelming majority of the Moslems in the army came from the Rawalpindi and Mooltan divisions. "When the army is divided, the Pakistan (separate Moslem state) State will have to find funds to pay for all the Moslems in the armed ranks," Sardar Baldev added. "This will be a big drain on Pakistan finances and its pinch will be felt by the Moslem masses, who at this stage do not understand the implications of the division of India."

A Trust
Of his own community, the Sikhs, ninety five per cent of whom live in the Punjab, Sardar Baldev said that the Punjab should be restored to them. The British Government was no longer going to act as a paramount power in the Indian states.

"If this is so, the Punjab ought to be restored to the Sikhs from whom the British took it as a trust when they occupied the Indian province," he said. The Sikhs, he added, shared the view that a division of India would aggravate and not solve the communal problem.

"The simple," he said, "is that there are certain areas in the northeast and northwest where Moslems are in a numerical majority, any division solely on the basis of this principle will leave large numbers of Moslems in Hindu majority areas, and non-Moslems in Moslem majority areas. In other words, a division of India on this basis will leave the

Partition Folly

"From the very beginning of the present political talks, the Sikhs adopted the attitude that if the Moslem League demand for Pakistan is to be conceded, then the Punjab must be divided, as the Sikhs will under no circumstances agree to be part of Pakistan."

Sardar Baldev added that it was true that partition of the Punjab would weaken both Moslems and Sikhs, "but we now find it impossible to restore brotherly relations. We know we shall suffer and are prepared to face the lesser evil."

"We also know that the Moslems stand to suffer very much more," he added. "In fact, we foresee that the Moslems themselves will soon realise the folly of partition and will change their present obstinacy."

Sardar Baldev is one of the "Big Five" Indian leaders to whom Lord Mountbatten, the Viceroy, will on June 2 present the British plan for the transfer of power to Indian hands.—Reuter.

Carmona Promoted

Lisbon, May 25. The President, General Antonio Carmona, was promoted to Marshal today—the first anniversary of the national revolution. The army was to give him a gold baton.—United Press.

Welles On Red 'India'

Washington, May 25. Mr. Sumner Welles, former Under-Secretary of State, stated in a broadcast today that Communism had recently strengthened its hold in all cities in India and was now rapidly spreading into the rural areas.

"It is significant that suggestions are being advanced by some Indian leaders that the British Government should continue to keep some British troops in India after the date set for Indian independence as one practical safeguard against anarchy," Mr. Welles declared.

"It is even more significant that the leaders of some communities and groups have indicated that British Dominion status would be preferable to national independence and the risk of Hindu domination. But it is of course plain that arrangements such as these, even in the unlikely event the British Government could now consent to them, would constitute only temporary stop-gaps. They would not represent any continuation to a real solution of the problem."

Gloomy Prospects For Refugees

Chexbres, May 25. The position of refugees and displaced persons in Europe will "rapidly deteriorate" because of several current factors. Dr. Adolf Freudenberg, head of refugee work for the World Council of Churches, told a meeting of the International conference of church reconstruction leaders.

Dr. Freudenberg cited the fact that the new international refugee organisation has a budget of only \$150,000,000 which is small compared to that UNRRA had for the DP task. He also questioned the rightness of handling uprooted peoples in big general categories. "You belong to a category and then you have no right of existence," he said.

He said the methods of Allied "outscreening" of alleged collaborationists from the Baltic and displaced persons in Germany presents a "challenge to the Christian conscience." Those put in this category are abandoned by the Allies, suffer hardships and sometimes are "worse off than the Germans around them."

"Of course," he added, "war criminals must be punished."

Churches' Task

Dr. Freudenberg, himself a German who became an exile during the Nazi regime and worked during the war to aid hundreds of Jewish refugees, also criticised the constitutional basis of the IRO. In a virtual reversal of the ill-famed Nuremberg laws, it excludes from its aid all those of "German-ethnic origin." He said that such a mechanical procedure is not in accord with Christian principles and the churches must strive to see that all injustices in categorising peoples do not become permanent.

The director estimated that the 100-odd churches associated with the World Council have special responsibilities toward close to 7,000,000 refugees and displaced persons who belong to Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations, the big streams represented in the Council. He said that of the 13,000,000 to 14,000,000 in Europe, half are Protestant or Orthodox.

The Council's major concern is with a spiritual ministry to refugees. Workers visit camps and distribute bibles and communion sets and the Council provides money and transport

Vatican City, May 25. Pope Pius today received, in private audience nine members of the National Central Emergency Fund which is a United States organization attached to UNRRA. It was headed by Mrs. Martha Elliott.—United Press.

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'DANGEROUS POLICY' OF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Nearly two years after hostilities ceased, owners are still being forced to defer long-overdue repairs and no hope is held out to them of a relaxation of restrictions, said Mr. G. J. Innes, presiding at the recent 57th annual meeting of the British Corporation Register of Shipping and Aircraft.

"Our management committee," he went on, "have had this question under constant review... and have continually emphasised to the Ministry of Transport the danger of its policy and how short-sighted it is, as many ships which should today have a reasonable expectation of useful life are now condemned to a needlessly early end."

"At a critical stage of the war, the classification societies agreed with the Government to suspend the normal and detailed system of special periodical surveys, in conjunction with annual surveys, in favour of the temporary expedient of making the ship seaworthy for one voyage or, at

most, for twelve months' service. But the war-time expedient which was justifiable in 1940, when practically every ship concerned had undergone special survey within the preceding four years, is not so easy to defend seven years later, even if we were to assume that the rate of structural deterioration is not accelerated, which is far from being the case."

WOOL AND BRITAIN'S EXPORT DRIVE

Bradford, May 25. The wool textile industry is playing a big part in Britain's export drive to win badly needed dollars.

The 1946 Annual Report of the National Wool and Textile Corporation and the Wool Export group here, issued this weekend, stated that, while the other exporting industries sent an average of only 14 per cent of their exports to the hard currency countries, 28 per cent of wool industry products went to these markets.

Last year's wool cloth exports amounted to just over 75,000,000 square yards compared with nearly 95,000,000 square yards in 1938.

(15,500,000 pounds of yarn against nearly 35,000,000 pounds in 1938 and 25,000,000 pounds of wool tops compared with 32,000,000 pounds).

GAEKWAR DELAYED

New York, May 25. The Pan-American Clipper, "Express of the Skies," left for Gander to pick up 41 passengers, including the Gaeckwar of Bakoda and his party which left in a Clipper yesterday, but had to return to Gander last night when the plane en route to Shannon Airport, Eire, developed various troubles.

The plane then returned to Gander and the "Express of the Skies" will continue the trip.—Reuter.

MATCH FACTORY EXPLODES

Cairo, May 25. Five were killed and 14 injured in an explosion which wrecked a match factory at Calub, 30 miles north of Cairo, today. The police are investigating.

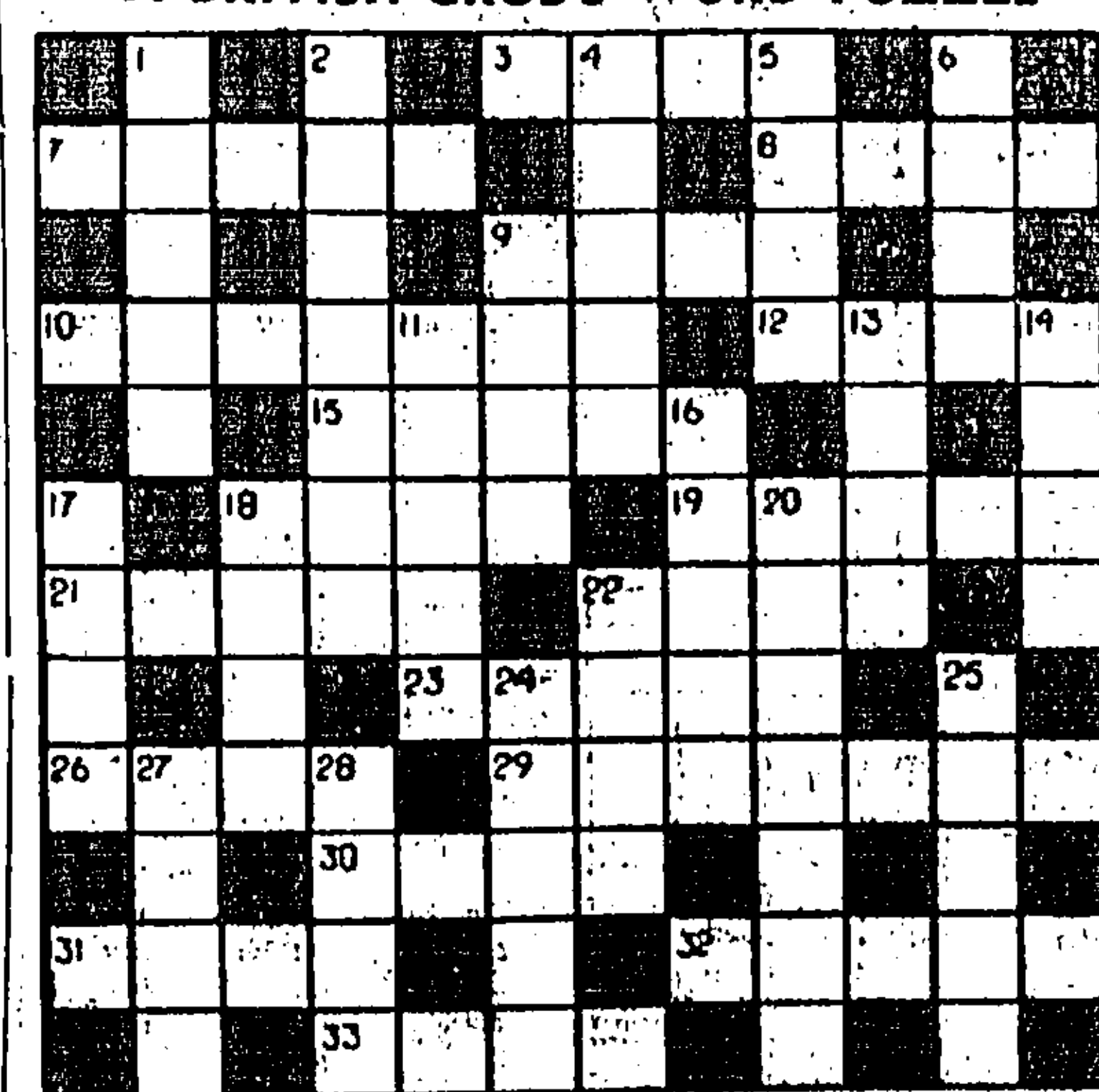
The force of the explosion blew out the roof and ceiling which fell on workers and staff of the factory.—Reuter.

Rumania Setting Up Industrial Boards

Bucharest, May 25. The Rumanian Chamber of Deputies has voted in favour of the Government's bill to set up industrial boards with wide powers over all industries, which is to remain in force for five years.

All the parties included in the Government backed the bill with the exception of M. Georges Tataru's Liberals, who abstained on the ground

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Sound
- Reflection
- Military rank
- Nomad
- Fiske of
- Diplomatic official
- Blackleg
- Utter confusion
- Cavalier
- Refuge
- Bad tempered
- Wash
- Commerce
- Hurried
- Lifelessness
- Discourteous
- Unfasten
- Active
- Victim

Clues Down

- Precautious
- Soother
- Engraved gem
- Grain
- Given
- False
- Small bay
- Excitation
- Tint
- Plays a
- Exhausted
- Mean
- Narrow road
- Crest
- Young animal
- Very
- Let fall

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Crisis; 2. Abolish; 3. Waver; 4. Commas; 5. Ugly; 6. Deliberate; 7. Urges; 8. Lull; 9. Considered; 10. Spar; 11. Spar.
- Down: 1. Reveal; 2. Scrub; 3. Secure; 4. Immature; 5. Daily; 6. Ambler; 7. Emend; 8. Dally; 9. Imported; 10. Scold; 11. Unhappy; 12. Dirty; 13. Rub; 14. Fair.

PEARL HARBOUR

Sydney, May 25. The Sun's Canberra correspondent reported today that External Affairs Minister Evatt would support the United States move to name Pearl Harbour as the site for the Japanese peace settlement.

The paper said the place where Japan began the war in the Pacific is "almost certainly" to be the site of the treaty of peace.—United Press.

Foreign Investments In Turkey

Istanbul, May 25. The Turkish Finance Minister, Halit Kismir, preparing the way for application of the Truman doctrine to Turkey, today announced decrees ending restrictions on foreign capital.

By ending laws which have been in force since before the war, Dr. Kismir has now made it possible for foreign enterprises to invest capital in Turkish industry and export earnings of that capital.

Some banks operating in Turkey will be able to have a part of their assets in foreign exchange, a privilege hitherto granted only to the Central Bank.

Foreigners in Turkey will enjoy drawing facilities on condition that Turks enjoy the same facilities in their respective countries.

The new decrees are designed, it is believed, to benefit foreign businesses, industrial improvement in Turkey and the tourist trade.—Reuter.

TYRE SHORTAGE NOW OVER

Washington, May 25. The tyre shortage appears to be over, a Commerce Department report said.

It reported manufacturing stocks of rubber had risen in January and February while their shipments of tyres to trade had declined, especially those for replacement on old cars.—Associated Press.

U.S. Credit For Yemen Approved

Cairo, May 26. The United States had agreed to extend up to \$1,000,000 credit to the Arab Kingdom of Yemen for the purchase of American army surplus equipment.

The agreement was signed by Prince Seif El Islam Abdullah of Yemen and American officials. It provides that purchases must be made before Jan. 1 and the credit is to be repaid in five annual instalments beginning in 1948.

Officials said Yemen had indicated a desire to purchase trucks, automobiles, hospital units and supplies, well drilling equipment, radio and telephone equipment, road construction machinery, wiring and blankets.—Associated Press.

German Exports

Berlin, May 26. The combined British and American zones of Germany exported \$31,011,796 worth of goods in the first quarter, the joint export-import agency announced.

The figure was about two thirds below the goal set for the first quarter under the programme to prime German economy.

The goal for 1947 is \$35,000,000.

Coal exports, the biggest item, totalled \$17,118,000 for the first quarter and forestry and wood products \$4,203,000.—Associated Press.

Ban On Dutch Shipping

Singapore, May 25. Mr. E. Rouch, assistant secretary of the Australian Waterside Workers Federation, and Mr. J. Henly, fellow delegate to the Malaya Trade Union Conference, on arrival here today from Batavia said that they knew nothing about the proposal to lift the ban on Dutch shipping from Australia to Indonesia.

They added that they had not participated in any negotiations on the subject.

Well-informed circles, however, believe it was intimated in Java that the Australian waterside workers might lift the ban if 75 per cent of the goods now held up in Australia went to Republican-held ports and 25 per cent to Dutch ports.—Reuter.

GREEK LABOUR COMMITTEE

Athens, May 25. Agreement has been reached on the election of a new Executive Committee for the Greek Confederation of Labour to succeed the old Executive which was declared illegal by the Greek Government over a year ago. M. Constantin Tsaldaris, the Greek Vice-Premier, announced tonight. A provisional Executive will now be formed to hold general elections, after which the Pan-Hellenic Workers Congress will meet to choose the Supreme Council of the Greek Trade Union movement.—Reuter.

RUSSO-SWEDISH TRADE PACT

Stockholm, May 25. The Swedish Foreign Office announced today that an agreement had been signed with Russia covering an exchange of goods from the Soviet zone of Germany.

Sweden will export textiles, fish, steel and machinery and will import salt, potash, cement and electro-technical equipment.—Associated Press.

RUBBER TALKS

Singapore, May 25. The United Planting Association of Malaya has called a conference of rubber producers and dealers in Singapore on May 28 to explore the present state of the rubber industry and to work out remedies to counteract the fall in the rubber price.

Selangor, Penang, Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Chinese rubber interests will be represented.—Reuter.

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black. China has a dozen rivers which need a TVA. "Believe me, as in engineering, all this is child's play compared to radar and the atomic bomb. Let's remember that Britain's trade, our food, our raw materials and, therefore, all our standards of living in every home depend on all the continents and not on one."

British Strength

Need Baker warmly defended the Labour Government's record in both domestic and international affairs, called for national support of the government's foreign policy and repeated Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's recent assertion that the House of Commons that Britain still regards herself as a great power.

"Let no foreigner believe that Britain is down and out. Britain's strength lies in her people, in her links with the dominions, in her friendship with nations by whose side she has stood for justice in the past. Her people are healthier, better educated and more inventive than they were before. The Commonwealth is more united. Our friendships with other nations in all the continents are true and strong." Associated Press.

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TUESDAY, MAY 27

Airmail for Manila P.I. (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Tientsin (Kowloon) 10 a.m.
Bangkok, Saigon, Canton (by Train), 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, 2 p.m.
Straits, Batavia, Surabaya and Medan 3 p.m.

Manila, Mauritius, Laurens, Maracaibo, South Africa via Durban, 3 p.m.
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G.P.O. (the above Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.
Kobe, 4 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shiki, 4 p.m.
Canton, 5 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai and Peking: Airmail for Swatow and Amoy: Airmail for Canton, Kowloon and Hongkong, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Airmail for Manila P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, Kowloon C.P.O., (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.; G.P.O. (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Canton, 1.15 a.m.
Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.
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Washington, May 25.

Authoritative sources reported today that the Far East situation is now receiving more high level official attention than it has for many months.

During the past week three facets of the Asiatic question were the subject of attention by Secretary of State George C. Marshall and some of his top advisers. These three were: Japanese peace treaty, economic assistance for the Chinese Central Government and Soviet-American negotiations for the unification of Korea.

Well-informed sources expect the United States to solidify its ideas on the Japanese treaty within the next few weeks and to start sounding out other Governments on procedure. Numerous groups of political and economic specialists on the expert level have been working for months on various details of the question of just what peace with Japan the United States wants. These details now are being coordinated into a master plan which is expected to be completed soon.

Although the United States idea on the date and place for convening the peace conference still remains to be finalized, the consensus is that the Americans will suggest next autumn with either Washington or San Francisco the site, probably the latter. Suggestions from some military officials that Tokyo might be a good place have met with no appreciable sympathy here.

The Participants

As for what nations will participate in writing the treaty, current American thinking tends to the idea of having this done by the 11-member nations of the Far Eastern Commission. Some officials think this will be too unwieldy a group to accomplish the task in good time, and are urging a smaller group.

However, it appears certain the United States will resist strongly any demands that any Big Four or Five nations write the Japanese treaty. It is recognized here that nations such as Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines contributed a great deal more over a longer period of time to the defeat of the Japanese than did some of the big powers.

Attention is focused anew on the China loan question while Gen. Marshall said he had given it a great amount of thought since returning from Moscow and was seeking a method of economic assistance to the Chiang Kai-shek Government which would meet with the approval of Congress and the taxpayers.

Diplomatic Aid

Chinese officials here believe they have a good chance of getting part of the earmarked \$500,000,000 Export-Import Bank loan released before it expires on June 30 and also of getting the deadline extended.

Gen. Marshall's statement, however, indicated he was thinking more along the line of straight Congressional authorized diplomatic aid such as is being given Greece and Turkey. Gen. Marshall indicated he thought Generalissimo Chiang had made some progress in liberalizing his Government and future developments might be such as to warrant American economic assistance to the Central Government.

Officials here admit there still is a chance the Chinese could secure some of the Export-Import Bank funds if they submitted satisfactory project plans for the use of the money. Some observers believe it is possible that the United States may release some portion of the Export-Import Bank loan after checking on the pro-

Coins For
China?

Shanghai, May 26.

The Chinese afternoon newspaper, China Evening News, unambiguously reported today that the National Government will mint coins as the first step in the monetary reform.

The report, however, could not be confirmed in official circles. The newspaper said the programme calls for (1) the minting of silver or nickel coins the size of the old half Chinese dollar, which will be exchanged for current banknotes at the rate of one to \$10,000; (2) the minting of gold coins of 25-cent, half-dollar and one dollar, of which a quarter dollar will equal one silver coin; (3) four silver coins will equal one US\$1.

If true, the action would mean raising the official rate of exchange from the current CN\$12,000 to CN\$40,000 to US\$1.

Financial circles said the Government was studying currency reform but said it was premature to give details at present. United Press.

get the Russians—after a provisional government is set up—to agree to a brief period of advisoryship which would be less onerous to the Koreans than a trusteeship. However, it is emphasized that determination of this, which would be done in consultation with the Koreans themselves, cannot be accomplished until a provisional government is set up.—United Press.

French Government
Takes Over

Paris, May 25.

The Government's decree requisitioning the entire personnel of France's gas and electric power plants officially went into effect today in an atmosphere of holiday calm.

The extraordinary decree signed yesterday by Premier Paul Ramadier, Minister of Production, Robert Lacoste, and the Minister of the Interior, Edouard Depreux was published today in the Government's Official Journal.

Copies were posted under tricolor flags on the bulletin boards of all plants affected and in Government buildings in all municipalities of the nation.

But the country was enjoying a two-day Whitsuntide Holiday today and tomorrow and an atmosphere of uneasy truce replaced the feverish political and labour manoeuvring of the last two days.

Premier Ramadier was out of the town on a provincial junket as were several Ministers. Ramadier was making a tour of Saintes, Royan and other towns in the Atlantic coast Department of Charente Maritime.

No Incidents

President Vincent Auriol was visiting the Department of Haute Savoie where he made a speech appealing for discipline and solidarity among the French people to prevent deterioration of the present economic crisis into "disorder and anarchy".

In Paris no incidents were reported. A skeleton staff was manning the nationalized gas and electric plants whose workers, through the Communist-dominated CGT, had announced a slowdown programme, culminating in a sitdown strike on Wednesday which would stop all but the emergency gas and electric service.

Although scattered disruptions of the electric and gas service were reported last night—especially in subway operations—no such incidents were reported today and the Paris Metro (subway) was functioning as usual.

New Walk-Out?

The Government, already harassed by the threats of metal workers and miners, was faced with a possible walkout by the Paris region bakery workers.

The Bakers Union, in a meeting today, delayed action in its demands for production bonuses until meeting with Government officials on Thursday, but added:

"On next Thursday the public authorities will assume their responsibilities and so for us we will assume ours."—United Press.

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